

Catholic Press Aids Meditation

Lay Leader Sees It 'An Unfailing Source' For Retreatants.

WASHINGTON—The Catholic Press is an aid to meditation, which is "a primary requisite in the interior life of a Catholic layman," Richard Reid, Editor of The Bulletin of the Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia, declared here in addressing the ninth annual banquet of the Washington Section of the League for Laymen's Retreats.

Enumerating several aids to interior reflection, Mr. Reid said the streams of splendid Catholic books coming from the press, our Catholic magazines and last but not foremost our diocesan newspapers are an unfailing source of subjects for meditation and application of the fruits of this meditation to our daily lives.

The Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, in whose honor these annual mid-winter dinners are given, said he is united to take the occasion to pay tribute to the Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia. Directing the attention of the 600 men present to the success of the Association has had in clearing up a great deal of the misunderstanding of the Faith in Georgia.

Mr. Reid said that in Maryland there are more converts to the Faith in relation to the Catholic population than in more Catholic centers of the North.

Asserting that meditation is a term which frightens the average layman and even some retreatants, Mr. Reid said that actually we meditate from after hour day after day and yet when the thought of a daily meditation about the purpose of life is suggested to us often retreatants are inclined to open to regard it as a spiritual exercise for the select few.

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UNIQUE WORK OF MOLOKAI GUARDIAN

HONOLULU—Aloft the high cliff which separates the Kalanapa'alepe settlement from the rest of the island of Molokai stands an unusual work-shop which is owned by Charles A. Titcomb, who is the parish's "reciprocated" official guardian.

Mr. Titcomb is never troubled by patients who might attempt to scale the cliff and leave the settlement, but occasionally he is forced to deter wanderers of the island who wish to visit the peninsula, but who do not carry official admission passes.

Time used to weigh heavily on Mr. Titcomb's hands until he turned his attention to the production of one of the island's specialties, the Hawaiian massage sticks from the sturdy branches of guava shrubs. These he sells to tourists for 75 cents or a dollar per stick.

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Members of the Rochester Poetry Society voted at their regular March meeting at the Raneli Memorial Library to conduct a contest in which fifteen dollars would be awarded for the best poem written by a resident of Rochester who is a non-member of the society.

The contest will close on May 1 and the award will be announced at the Society's annual banquet on May 10.

In discussing the contest, Mrs. William R. Hardy, President of the Society said, "The object of our society is to further interest in poetry on the part of Rochesterians, and it is felt that this contest will do much to bring to light hitherto undiscovered talent."

Judges of the contest will be announced later.

Prize Winning Essay

Godless Communism Fight Calls For Knowledge of Aims

(To stimulate interest in the Lenten program of the Parish Discussion Club, Rochester's Council of Catholics, sponsored an essay contest in the Catholic high schools of the diocese. The essay to win first prize is presented here. The winner demonstrates an unusually comprehensive grasp of the subject and presents her thoughts clearly and convincingly.)

By MARION S. KELLOGG
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The pages of our daily press, our weekly reviews, our monthly magazines are full of communistic references, and communistic implications. Throughout the world today there is a legion of men working to revolutionize society so that the kingdom of the Soviet may be spread on earth. Some are earnest in their belief that communism is a wise and beautiful and necessary.

Many are ignorant of the object of communism, namely to shut God out of the hearts and souls of men and every-day lives of men. It is the responsibility of those who realize what communism implies, to overcome this ignorance and to show them that it is a deadly, advancing, Manichaean evil.

Ever since the fall of Adam and Eve man's nature has been inclined toward evil. Communism is the latest manifestation of this evil.

Had not communistic principles arisen out of the Industrial Revolution countless rural inhabitants turned from agriculture to manufacturing, from peasant life to city life from hand labor to machine work. Production in cities was rapidly increasing and prices skyrocketed but the demand for labor declined and supply outstripped demand.

A great problem faced the people and they answered it not with faith, hope, charity, and courage, but with riotous outbreaks against the new god which had risen the machine.

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Avers Soviet Wants No Religion

Communism Basically Against Religious Freedom, Says Fr. Ehmman

"Only hypocrites or fools are taken in by the provision of religious freedom to be found in the new Soviet Constitution," declared the Rev. Benedict Ehmman, S.M., in the second of a radio talk series over WHAM in support of the diocesan-wide discussion club program on "Godless Communism." Father Ehmman spoke on The Prophecy of Persecution.

The next talk in the series will be by B. Edward Silsinger, on "The Attack on the Church," to be given over the Rochester Catholic Hour at 12.15 p. m. Sunday, March 20.

Saying that he did not presume to fix the reason for the profession of religious freedom in the Soviet Constitution, Father Ehmman continued:

Marx Furnishes Doctrine
There is one thing of which we may all be sure and that is, that the real reason is not to be found in the doctrine of Karl Marx which are still the sacred scriptures of the Communist Party.

"You may be sure that if there is ever a genuine change of heart in favor of religion in the powers that be in Soviet Russia at that very moment they will have to abandon the whole philosophy of Marx upon which Soviet Communism rests."

Marx's materialistic theories are being borne out by the conduct of Soviet affairs. Father Ehmman said, in which there is no trace of the genuine Soviet Communist except what helps the Communist cause. Neither is there any justice except what helps the Communist revolution he said, pointing to the current unjust trials in Russia.

"Those who say that Communism is only a political or economic movement simply do not know what they are talking about. All they know is what the daily press chooses to tell them through their 'Red' eyes."

The deep roots of Communism lie below the surface changes of politics and economics. The political and economic situations against which Communism is directed are only the occasions and contributing factors of the movement.

The real root is hatred of God and of Christianity and that is why it is honest to speak of godless Communism despite the protestations of Communist apologists.

Father Ehmman urged that such words be used to bring out of Karl Marx any quotation which will disprove that Communism is atheistic.

Fearing that revolution is inevitable the speaker concluded with this admonition:

The world is rotten with social injustice. It cannot go on if it is not so. There is but one certain factor and that is the human body. We know that Christianity has the dynamic to blow down the towering towers of injustice and the vital energy to save the kingdom of God's justice in their place.

If we do not act quickly as Christians the issue will eventually fall to our energetic enemies and the Church will have to go into hiding, hunted and persecuted.

Verein To Study Current Bills

Pending legislation in Albany and Washington will be discussed by members of the Catholic Central Verein of America at their regular monthly meeting Sunday afternoon, March 20 at 3 o'clock at St. Joseph's School hall.

Particular attention will be given to the proposed Vandenberg Labor Amendment.

The Central Verein will sponsor for the celebration of the anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's Encyclical on the Condition of Labor and Pope Pius XII's Encyclical on the Reconstruction of the Social Order occurring in May.

Give 'Singing Tower'
Chicago—A singing tower has just been presented to the new 120,000 St. Luke's Church in River Forest by Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hurly, active parishioners, and will be blessed, together with the new organ on Easter Sunday. The singing tower will be played from the organ console through a special control panel which allows the organist to direct the music.

'Clipper Smith,' Head Coach At Villanova To Speak Here

Maurice J. "Clipper" Smith, director of athletics and head coach at Villanova College, conducted by the Augustinian Fathers will come to Rochester Tuesday, March 22 to be the guest of the Rochester Villanova Club at dinner and to speak to members of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus.

A graduate of Notre Dame in 1921, a star pupil and close friend of the immortal Knute Rockne, Smith gained renown at Notre Dame as a "watch charm" manager on the Notre Dame teams of 1919, '20 and '21.

He will speak to the Villanova Club at a dinner in Hotel Sagamore Tuesday and at 8 o'clock will go to Columbus Civic Center, where he will address the Villanova Club and prospective members will hear him. He will bring along motion pictures of games played by his Villanova team.

Paul Hornum is in charge of the Villanova alumni dinner and Joseph P. Flynn, a graduate of Notre Dame, will be in charge of the K. of C. affair. Members of both Villanova Clubs at dinner and to speak to members of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus.

NEW SHRINE AT ST. ANDREW'S



The beautiful new Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of the Queen of the Holy Rosary and Mother of Perpetual Help is attracting pilgrims to St. Andrew's Church on Portland Avenue where the Præputial Help Novena Devotions are held every Tuesday evening. The Shrine was designed and erected by Alvin Hofstad, Muncie, Ind.

Early Jesuits Cited At Honeoye Centenary

The Centennial of the incorporation of Honeoye Falls was celebrated with impressive and fitting ceremonies Sunday, March 13.

Marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of Father James Francis S. J. who was born at Honeoye Falls in 1838 of a noble family well established in a rural farm.

At the age of 16 on November 1, 1854, Father Fremin completed a two mile walk from the Mohawk village of the blessed, Catherine Tokan with his family to the village of Honeoye Falls.

Here he dedicated his Conception Chapel. Vigoriferous to white men being in the semi-county as early as 1855 and among the pioneers of Honeoye Falls and vicinity Father James Fremin is the first white resident.

Services of recognition of the Honeoye Falls Centenary were held at the Præputial Church in which a series of events and a banquet were held.

The Rev. John R. Ryan, pastor of the church and in cooperation with the church and Christian community in the celebration of the centenary of the birth of Father Fremin.

Each of the three services of the Præputial Church including the centenary celebration in the afternoon contained inspirational speeches in which the 17th century Catholic missionaries were announced as the earliest pioneers of the region.

At the afternoon banquet Father Fremin's life was very interesting and with history of the village which was the Norton's Mill, West Mendon, and near Honeoye Falls in the history of the village.

Following the banquet a procession of the Præputial Church in Honeoye Falls was organized in 1890. Devotional services of the Præputial Church were in the audience.

Major W. E. Jessup was chairman of the afternoon meeting in Honeoye Falls a one-mile walk for the Rochester Historical Museum on Lake Avenue where a statue of the Præputial Church was dedicated.

College Inaugurates 'Personality Clinic'
PROVIDENCE, R. I. (N.C.)—A Personality Clinic is to be organized in the extension school classes of Providence College.

Inaugurating a new branch of the Psychology Department, a course called "Personal Problems" will be introduced this week to help smooth out quirks of personality. Purely a cultural course and carrying no credit, it aims at the adjustment of the individual's perspective toward daily problems.

Genevans Hear Talk On Mexico

Columbian Squires Told History and Need of Catholic Press

By Frank J. Conroy, Jr.

GENEVA—About 100 members of the St. Stephen's Club heard the Rev. James Lane of St. Michael's parish, Newark, as the principal speaker at their dinner-meeting which was held on Tuesday evening, March 8 at the parish house.

Father Lane discussed his recent trip to Mexico, telling of the characteristics and customs of the people, as well as the religious side of Mexican life.

The officers of the St. Michael's Club of Newark, of which Father Lane is Director, were also the guests of the Geneva organization.

Following the dinner, special notes by Doty McDonald of DeSales High School, featured a brief entertainment program. Jack Hickey accompanied her at the piano.

A quick quiz modeled after a popular radio program was also conducted in which members were interviewed on topics of general interest.

Mrs. John J. Conroy was general chairman of the dinner, assisted by a large committee.

The next meeting of the club is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, under the chairmanship of Miss Hilda Lally.

GENEVA—Rev. Ralph Neagle of St. Francis DeSales parish addressed the Columbian Squires at their meeting, which was held on Tuesday evening, March 8 at the K. of C. home.

Father Neagle presented an interesting and informative talk on the Catholic Press. Starting from the very early days when the process of printing was first introduced, he described the various phases of its development and showed the need of a live Catholic medium.

Information of the day relative to religion may be provided for Catholic readers.

As a result of the talk, a Literature Committee is to be appointed at the next meeting and short discussions of current topics are taken from magazines and newspapers.

Various reports of committee chairmen were presented, after which Conroy and Father Neagle were appointed prelates to see that the Squires of both parishes are informed regarding the status of the proposed communion with the Holy Name societies of their respective parishes on Sunday.

Visits Jean of Arc Shrine
QUEBEC—Gift of a wealthy New York family to the Shrine of the Holy Name in Quebec, a statue of St. Jeanne d'Arc, is being placed in the famous Shrine of the Holy Name in May.

Cath. Missioners Services Praised By Ghazal Followers

MADRAS, INDIA (N.C.)—

Devotion to the service rendered to South India by Catholic missioners was paid by a Ghazal following the services of the Education Mission, Madras, which he unveiled a monument to St. John Bosco at ceremony provided over by the Most Rev. Francis Xavier, Archbishop of Madras.

"I have as my lesson," Dr. Subramanyam said, "a picture of St. John Bosco in Madras, Ghazal, who he, as did Don Bosco, knew how to serve God and humanity at the same time."

Only a few years ago, Madras was a Christian missionary school, hospitals and evangelists, but today there seems to be a change of these things, Ghazal's followers.

BISHOP HUNT ON CATHOLIC HOUR

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Most Rev. James G. Hunt, Bishop of Salt Lake, will be the speaker on "Catholic Hour" on the radio, July 21. He will, in addition, preside at an anniversary dinner held by the producers of the national radio program, the National Council of Catholic Bishops.

Mr. Hunt, who is the best known religious radio broadcaster west of the Mississippi, has been a member of the National Council of Catholic Bishops since its formation in 1936.

During his speech of last night, he said that the radio is the best medium for the dissemination of the Catholic faith.

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